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# REPORT

# OF THE

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

# FOR THE YEAR

# 1960

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| Housing Assistant, Surveyor's Dept. | D.S.Foote. |

Committees concerned with matter of Public Health are :-

Public Health and Housing Committee
Planning Committee
Accident Prevention Committee

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To the Chairman and Member of the Long Ashton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting my Annual Report on the Health, Sanitary and Social condition of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1960.

The information therein is, as far as possible, in conformity with the requirements of the Ministry of Health, with such added matter as is deemed necessary for record and for your information and interest.

The issue of the preliminary figures of the 1961 Census, available at the time of compiling the report, shows some discrepancies in the Registrar General's estimates which are noteworthy.

VITAL STATISTICS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Area | 45,434 acres. |
| Population, as assessed by the Registrar General for mid 1960 | 26,390 |
| Population as found at Census on April 23rd. 1961 | 29,304 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| at 31.12.1960 | Number of permanent dwellings | 9165 |
| at 23. 4.1961 (Preliminary Census Report) | | 9229 |
| | Rateable value | £334,069 |
| | Product of Penny Rate (1960-1961) | £1,336 |

VITAL STATISTICS.

| LIVE BIRTHS. | Male. | Female. | Total. | Totals 1959. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Legitimate | 241 | 213 | 454 | 368 |
| Illegitimate | 11 | 11 | 22 | 14 |
| Totals | 252 | 224 | 476 | 382 |

Live Birth Rate.

The Birth Rate at 476 for a population of 26,390, the Registrar Generals estimate for mid 1960, is 17.0 per 1,000; and when adjusted to the population distribution as assessed by the Registrar General from previous data gives a figure of 18.0.

The true figure is probably better obtained from using a figure of 29,000 the Census figures would suggest, giving the Birth Rate at 16.4 per 1,000 population.

STILL BIRTHS.

| Male. | Female. | Total. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 4 | 9 | All legitimate |

INFANT DEATHS.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Under 1 week | 5 | 2 | 7 | |
| Total under 4 weeks | 5 | 2 | 7 | |
| Total under 1 year | 6 | 2 | 8 | All legitimate |

DEATH RATES.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Infant Mortality Rate. | 8 per 476 live births | = | 16.8 per 1,000 |
| | 8 per 454 legitimate | = | 17.6 " " |
| | 0 per 22 illegitimate | = | Nil per 1,000 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Neo-natal Mortality rate (first 4 weeks) | = | 14.7 per 1,000 related live birth |
| Early neo-natal rate (first week) | = | 14.7 per 1,000 " " " |
| Peri-natal rate (still births + deaths during first week) | = | 35.0 per 1,000 live + still birth |

Maternal deaths - Nil.

The total number of deaths in the District was 281, details of which are given overleaf and this figure gives the following death rates :

Registrar General's figures 9.96 per 1,000 (as adjusted)

Census figures (un-adjusted) 9.59 per 1,000 population

DEATHS.

Causes. (Registrar General's Return)

| Disease. | Male. | Female. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Other infective & parasitic disease | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cancer, Stomach | 7 | 1 | 8 |
| Lungs & Bronchus | 7 | 0 | 7 |
| Breast | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| Uterus | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| all other | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Leukaemia | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Vascular disease of nervous system | 23 | 24 | 47 |
| Coronary disease of heart | 33 | 18 | 51 |
| Hypertension, with heart disease | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Other heart disease | 16 | 32 | 48 |
| Other circulatory disease | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Pneumonia | 5 | 7 | 12 |
| Bronchitis | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Other respiratory disease | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Ulcer of the stomach & duodenum | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Enlarged prostate, non-malignant | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth or abortion | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Congenital deformity | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Other defined or ill-defined diseases | 8 | 10 | 18 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| All other accidents | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Suicide | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Totals | 138 | 143 | 281 |

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following numbers of cases of notifiable diseases were reported during the year :

| Disease. | Total Cases notified. | |
|---|---|---|
| Measles | 7 | |
| Scarlet Fever | 19 | |
| Dysentery | 18 | |
| Whooping Cough | 54 | |
| Acute Primary Pneumonia | 14 | |
| Acute Influenzal Pneumonia | 1 | |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 0 | (one hospital death) |
| Erysipelas | 1 | |
| Food Poisoning | 2 | |
| Acute Encephalitis | 1 | |
| Typhoid Fever | 1 | |
| Tuberculosis Respiratory | 4 | |
| Non-respiratory | 3 | |

IMMUNISATION.

The following figures are supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health. The work is carried out by the General Practitioners or at School or Infant Welfare Clinics.

Diptheria.

Number of children who completed a full course of PRIMARY Injections.

| Age. | Under 1 | 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5 - 9 | 10-14 | Totals. | (1959) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 257 | 58 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 44 | 2 | 375 | 295 |

Re-inforcing Injections.

| Age. | 1 - 4 | 5 - 9 | 10 - 14 | Totals | (1959) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | 469 | 1 | 472 | 137 |

Smallpox.

Number of persons vaccinated (P) or revaccinated (R) during the year.

| Age Group. | Under 1 | 1 | 2 - 4 | | 5 - 14 | | 15 & over | | Totals. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | P | P | P | R | P | R | P | R | P | R |
| | 168 | 14 | 9 | 1 | 7 | - | 2 | 7 | 200 | 8 |

Poliomyelitis.

Primary (2 injections) and third (re-inforcing) injections.

| Born 1943-1960 | Born 1933-1942 | Under 40. | Over 40 & Priority | 3rd Dose All groups. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 519 | 228 | 781 | 12 | 2,606 |

Whooping Cough

Primary Course completed (singly or in combination with other.)

| Age: | Under 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 - 14 | Totals | (1959) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 251 | 57 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 324 | 278 |

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICES.

The County Medical Officer of Health and his staff are responsible for the active operation of the Health Services under the National Health Service Acts, 1946-52.

These include :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Maternity & Child Welfare | Tuberculosis |
| Home Nursing & Health visiting. | Home helps |
| Welfare foods | Mental health |
| School Medical Service | Immunisation |
| Venereal disease | Ambulance service. |

The Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics are supervised by the local Medical Practitioners. County Medical Officers carry out the Schools' services.

Infectious diseases are admitted to Ham Green Hospital, which also admits general medical cases.

Tuberculosis clinics are held are Clevedon, Ham Green Hospital and the Central Health Clinic in Bristol.

Old People's Clubs are active in Backwell, Long Ashton, Nailsea and Redcliffe Bay, receiving some assistance from County and this Council.

British Red Cross Society, through its Backwell and Long Ashton Centre, has organised MEALS ON WHEELS which is catering for an increasing area and running efficiently.

The Public Mortuary is still situated in Cabridge House, from which it is rented by the Council.

Chiropody Service. A start has been made in providing a limited service in connection with the Old People's Clubs and is greatly appreciated. A limiting factor is the difficulty in getting trained chiropodists, and of course, funds.

Health Education, is limited to the occasional distribution of Posters, supplied by the Ministry. It is felt to beof no great value.

## WATER SUPPLY

The Bristol Waterwork's Company's supply has been satisfactory throughout the year in quality and quantity and there has been no shortage anywhere in the District. No action was ever required respecting any form of contamination.

### Water supply from Mains.

(a)

| | DIRECT TO HOUSES | | VIA. STANDPIPES | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Company's | Private | Company's | Private |
| Number of dwellings | 8,848 | 19 | 62 | nil |
| Estimated population | 26,000 | 60 | 180 | - |

(b) Number of Parishes without supply Nil

(c) Number of Parishes with water supply from :

(1) public mains 21
(2) private source nil
(3) public & private 21

(d) Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for :-

(1) well water 14
(2) private source nil
(3) other 7

### Water supply from wells.

Number of samples taken for analysis :-

Chemical nil
Bacteriological Satisfactory 2
Unsatisfactory 1 Total 3

Number of wells closed 10

Number of houses relying on (a) well supplies 101
(b) spring supplies 15

### Extensions or Improvements of Supplies during the year

NIL

### Future Proposals NIL

### Observations.

It will be seen that piped water supply is available throughout the District, although there are some houses where the cost of laying on a piped supply is too high owing to the distance. There are also a certain number of cases where water has not been taken into the houses.

### Public Swimming Pools & Baths.

There are none owned by this local authority.

There is one private swimming pool, with an efficient chlorination plant, at the Ashton Court Country Club, where some 20 to 40 bathe in one day.

The Rural District Council has appointed a joint Committee with the Nailsea and Backwell Parish Councils to consider the provision of a Public Swimming Bath in the Nailsea/Backwell area.

WATER SUPPLIES. (continued).

Particulars of the number of Dwelling Houses and estimated population supplied by Water Mains.-

| Parish. | Area in Acres. | Approx. Population 31.12.60. | Number of Houses. | Number of Houses supplied direct from Mains. | Number of Houses supplied from Standpipes. | Estimated Population Supplied Direct. | Estimated Population supplied from Standpipes. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbots Leigh | 2260 | 776 | 225 | 217 | - | 616 | - |
| Backwell | 2929 | 3168 | 1030 | 1012 | - | 3106 | - |
| Barrow Gurney | 2064 | 357 | 103 | 94 | 6 | 288 | 18 |
| Brockley | 1148 | 243 | 81 | 75 | - | 230 | - |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | 1355 | 263 | 85 | 70 | - | 215 | - |
| Cleeve | 1013 | 688 | 253 | 243 | - | 746 | - |
| Dundry | 2598 | 823 | 271 | 239 | - | 734 | - |
| Easton-in-Gordano | 1864 | 3383 | 1193 | 1185 | - | 3637 | - |
| Flax Bourton | 630 | 316 | 100 | 89 | 3 | 273 | 10 |
| Kenn | 830 | 227 | 70 | 64 | - | 196 | - |
| Kingston Seymour | 2652 | 213 | 67 | 61 | - | 187 | - |
| Long Ashton | 4018 | 4153 | 1247 | 1241 | 4 | 3810 | 13 |
| Nailsea | 2866 | 4012 | 1330 | 1300 | 6 | 3991 | 19 |
| North Weston | 1063 | 1726 | 610 | 588 | 12 | 1805 | 37 |
| Portbury | 2845 | 413 | 134 | 126 | - | 386 | - |
| Tickenham | 1629 | 821 | 265 | 252 | 2 | 773 | 5 |
| Walton-in-Gordano | 908 | 248 | 98 | 72 | - | 221 | - |
| Weston-in-Gordano | 708 | 202 | 62 | 55 | 5 | 169 | 15 |
| Winford | 3340 | 1131 | 336 | 276 | 33 | 847 | 101 |
| Wraxall | 4125 | 1943 | 609 | 582 | 6 | 1786 | 17 |
| Yatton | 3589 | 3042 | 996 | 992 | - | 3045 | - |
| TOTAL | 45434 | 28148 | 9165 | 8833 | 77 | 27061 | 235 |

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Of the 21 Parishes in this District, the following have main drainage and efficient disposal systems either complete or for areas as noted :

| | |
|---|---|
| Backwell | excluding Farleigh, Church Lane, Church Town, Backwell Common and Downside. |
| Cleeve | excluding Plunder Street and eastern portions of Parish |
| Long Ashton | excluding Leigh Woods and Bridgwater Road area. |
| Flax Bourton | |
| Easton-in-Gordano | |
| Nailsea | |
| North Weston | excluding Redcliffe Bay area. |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | main village area |
| Portbury | |
| Yatton | excluding Lower Claverham & North End area. |

Works for Council Houses are established in :-

Dundry
Lulsgate
Tickenham
Wraxall
Kenn
Failand.

| EXTENSIONS made during the year : | Cost |
|---|---|
| Portbury & Easton-in-Gordano. | |
| Sewerage and sewage disposal to Portbury village and Easton-in-Gordano. | £37,128 |
| Backwell. | |
| Small sewer extension to Backwell Hill Rd. Farleigh (9 dwellings) | £667 |
| In progress : | |
| Nailsea | |
| Stage 3 (Village and Old Church area) of the Main Scheme for Nailsea. | £89,951 |

FUTURE Proposals.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Winford. | Sewerage and sewage disposal scheme for Winford and Felton. Joint Scheme with Clutton R.D.C. with disposal works sited at Chew Magna. Scheme approved and commenced in January, 1961. | Approximate cost £123,977 |
| Nailsea. | Surface Water sewer to Back Lane and Kingshill areas. Approved and tenders authorised. Delayed by objection to outfall by Drainage Board. | £29,550 |
| Long Ashton & Dundry. | Sewerage and sewage disposal to Bridgwater Road and Barrow Lane areas. Approved and tenders authorised. | £18,251 |

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Future Proposals(Cont'd.)

| | | Approx. Cost |
|---|---|---|
| North Weston. | Sewerage and sewage disposal to Redcliffe Bay and joint scheme with Portishead U.D.C. approved by County Council and now before Ministry. | £42,000 |
| Backwell. | Extension of sewer to Farleigh Church Lane Approved by County Council, but awaiting Ministry sanction. | £ 2,100 |
| Nailsea. | Stage 4(south-east area towards Backwell) of the Nailsea sewerage and sewage disposal scheme. | £91,000 |
| Nailsea. | Extension of sewer to St.Mary's Grove area To be submitted to County Council & Ministry. | £ 3,000 |
| Yatton. | Relief sewer to relieve surcharging of the Yatton sewers. Schemeunder consideration. | £15,000 |
| Yatton. | Replacement of pumping plant at sewage pumping station. To be submitted to County & Ministry. | £ 3,000 |
| Long Ashton. | Sewerage and sewage disposal to the Leigh Woods area. Scheme under consideration. | £35,000 |
| Backwell. | Extension ot Church Town area. Scheme under consideration. | £ 3,200 |
| TRUNK SEWER | Trunk sewer with sea outfall in Clevedon area. Scheme under consideration to cover Nailsea, Backwell, Tickenham, Wraxall & Flax Bourton areas. | |

Comment.

The heavy backlog of sewerage development left by war years and limited finance, together with the very rapid development of the area has made provision of these facilities a very serious financial and health responsibility for the Council.

Population has increased from 22,984 to the recent Census figure of 29,304, an increase of 27.5% while the number of dwellings has increased from 6,342 to 9,229, ar increase of 44.5%. Piped water has been supplied almost throughout the District. There would appear to be no reason why this development should not be maintained for some years and there are indications that the growth of the district in the next few years will be faster than ever.

Thus, older works tend to become overloaded, as at North Weston and Backwell, while new works look like being inadequate as soon as installed. Industrial development in Nailsea, with its enlarged quantity and difficult quality, has called for rapid extension of the works and intensive treatment, to produce an effluent acceptable to the Rivers Board. But even now, with theworks nearing full activity to deal with 6,000 pupulation and 75,000 gallons from the CiderWorks it would seem only able to accommodate Nailsea's very immediate population and, perhaps, take some portion of the overload at aBackwell.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Comment(Cont'd.)

It has been necessary, therefore, for the Council to consider a much larger scheme, possibly with an outfall to the sea. It must however, benoted that the acceptability of such a scheme, financially, must depend upon finding a suitable site for such discharge and agreement that only the most modified form of treatment is necessary.

This discharge of sewage into the sea, AT CAREFULLY SELECTED AND SUITABLE SITES, with its massive dilution, must be accepted as the safest and most economical method of disposal, overcoming the dangers and difficulties presented by the erection and maintenance of multiple sewage works through the populated district.

## CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE.

Cesspool emptying is carried out by this local authority, with the occasional direct employment of a contractor when demand is heavy.

A charge is made for the service at the following rates :-

| | |
|---|---|
| Domestic premises | 15/- per load or part of a load. |
| Business premises | 17/6 per hour, including travelling time. |

These charges do not cover the costs of the service. The Council is still considering the question of a free service. This would involve the purchase and running of a further vehicle probably as a free service must be expected to be used more freely.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is removed by direct labour, using four larger model S.&.D. vehicles with compression rams. Collection is carried out weekly in the following Parishes :

| | |
|---|---|
| Backwell | Barrow Gurney |
| Brockley | Cleeve |
| Easton-in-Gordano | Flax Bourton |
| Long Ashton | Nailsea |
| North Weston | Yatton & Claverham. |

During 1960 collection in the other 11 parishes was carried out fortnightly but arrangements are in hand to provide a weekly collection throughout the District.

There is a scheme for the collection of Trade Refuse, but it is so little used that it is practically non-existent. A considerable tonnage of waste material is collected for salvage, namely paper, cardboard and rags.

## SALVAGE.

Over 200 tons of collected waste paper were baled and sold to bring in £1,313, together with sorted rags for a further £93.

## Disposal.

Disposal of refuse is by mechanically controlled tipping into a disused quarry at Backwell, in an ideal position and where there arelarge quantities of quarry waste for covering and consolidation. Constant watch and treatment is maintained to prevent untoward fly infestation. The tip adjoins the Council's Depot and is very well run and free from nuisance.

## CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Numberof dwellings relying on :- | Chemical closets | 400 |
| | Pail closets | 500 |
| | Other(exlcuding W.C.) | 8 |
| Number of conversions to water carriage system during the year | | 50 |

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS.

A trained Rodent Operator is employed by the Council.

## CAMPING SITES.

| | Permanent | Seasonal |
|---|---|---|
| Number of licenced individual moveable dwellings | 40 | nil |
| Number of licenced camping sites | 17 | 1 |
| Number of caravans allowed per acre (maximum) | 16 | 16 |
| Estimated maximum number of campers resident during year | 500 | 2000 |

## HOUSING

Action taken during the year :

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | Number of houses included in Clearance Areas still to be made | Nil |
| (2) Housing Act, 1957 Section 48 | Number of houses in Clearance Areas patched for temporary use under this section | 6 |
| (3) Housing Act, 1957 Section 42 | No. of houses closed or demolished (Clearance Areas) | Nil |
| (4) Housing Act, 1957 Section 17 | Number of houses demolished or closed(individual unfits). | 8 |
| | For otherpurposes e.g. road widening. | Nil |
| (5) | Number of temporary dwellings demolished (huts etc.) | 84 |
| (6) Housing Act, 1957 Section 9 | No. of houses declared unfit and capable of repair. | Nil |
| (7) | No. of houses made fit during the year | 47 |
| (8) | Number of unfit houses occupied under licence. | Nil |

Rent Act, 1957(1st Schedule.)

Certificates of Disrepair :

(a) Number of applications received 1

(b) Number of Certificates issued 1

Houses erected during year :-

| | | L.A. | P.E. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Slum Clearance | By Council | 127 | - | 127 |
| | Private Enterprise | | - | |
| For other purposes | By Council | 45 | | |
| | Private enterprise | | 506 | 551 |
| | Totals. | 172 | 506 | 678 |

Houses in course of construction :-

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| For Slum clearance | By Council | 25 | | |
| | Private Enterprise | | - | 25 |
| For other purposes | By Council | 4 | | |
| | Private Enterprise | | 351 | 355 |
| | Totals. | 29 | 351 | 380 |

Dwellings gained by conversion :- 3

Dwellings lost by conversion :- 7

Number of Post-war houses erected from 1.4.1945 to 31.12.1960

By Council 1,370
Private enterprise 1,971.

Housing.(Cont'd.)

Number of temporary housing units occupied

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | Prefabs | Nil |
| (ii) | Huts | Nil |

Number of houses found overcrowded 4

Old People's Dwellings.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number erected to 31.12.60 | 26 | (without County Aid.) |
| Number in course of construction | 4 | ( -do- ) |
| Number of Applicants for Old People's Dwellings | 60 | |

NUMBER OF PERMANENT DWELLINGS

| | Council | Private Enterprise | |
|---|---|---|---|
| as at Dec. 31st 1959 | 1,579 | 6905 | |
| Gained by conversions and erected during 1960 | 172 | 509 | |
| Totals | 1,751 | 7414 | |
| Less houses demolished or closed | | 15 | |
| Number of permanent dwellings at 31.12.60 | 1,751 | 7399 | Totsl 9,150 |

Note.

The Preliminary Report for the 1961 Census: Taken on April 23rd gives the Number of dwellings in the District as

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Private Dwellings | (1961) | 9,229 | |
| | (1951) | 6,342 | |
| Increase | | 2,887 | or 45.5% |

HOUSES REQUIRED.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (1) | To replace houses scheduled for demolition | 50 |
| (2) | To abate overcrowding | 20 |
| (3) | For other purposes | 150 |
| (4) | (a) Total Number of application for Council Houses at the end of the year | 192 |
| | (b) If applications classified give number of (i) urgent bona fide cases (ii) others | not classified |
| (5) | Total Number of Council Houses sold during the year (negotiations in progress for 9) | Nil |

HOUSING PROGRAMME for 1961

| | |
|---|---|
| Fenswood, Long Ashton | 17 dwellings (16 Old People's, plus 1 for warden |
| Flax Bourton | 8 Old People's Bungalows |
| Pill, Stages III & IV | 31 dwellings and 2 shops |
| Nailsea, Woodside Terr. | 10 bungalows (Old People's.) |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL | 66 | Slum Clearance | 29 |
| | | Other purposes | 37 |

HOUSING.

HOUSES ERECTED 1951 - 1960.

| Parish. | 1951-57 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | Under Construction 31.12.60. | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abbots Leigh | 37 | 5 | - | 4 | | 46 |
| Backwell | 171 | 83 | 85 | 45 | | 384 |
| Barrow Gurney | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | | 4 |
| Brockley | 8 | 2 | - | 1 | | 11 |
| Clapton-in-Gordano | 5 | 2 | 3 | - | | 10 |
| Cleeve | 26 | 4 | 20 | 23 | | 73 |
| Dundry | 12 | 2 | 6 | 10 | | 30 |
| Easton-in-Gordano | 28 | 22 | 42 | 85 | | 177 |
| Flax Bourton | 12 | 5 | - | 1 | | 18 |
| Kenn | 1 | 1 | - | - | | 2 |
| Kingston Seymour | 3 | 1 | - | - | | 4 |
| Long Ashton | 84 | 26 | 126 | 98 | | 334 |
| Nailsea | 69 | 24 | 110 | 203 | | 406 |
| North Weston | 61 | 21 | 7 | 8 | | 97 |
| Portbury | 4 | 2 | - | - | | 6 |
| Tickenham | 34 | 1 | 6 | 2 | | 43 |
| Walton-in-Gordano | 1 | - | - | 1 | | 2 |
| Weston-in-Gordano | 2 | - | - | - | | 2 |
| Winford | 17 | 3 | 5 | 6 | | 31 |
| Wraxall | 57 | 10 | 10 | 3 | | 80 |
| Yatton | 31 | 8 | 27 | 16 | | 82 |
| Totals. | 665 | 223 | 448 | 506 | | 1,842 |
| Totals by Council | 675 | 81 | 90 | 166 | | 1,012 |

Note.

The 1961 Census (Preliminary Report) taken on April 23rd, shows an increase of 2,887 private dwellings, with an increase in population of 6,320.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS.

Number of applications and houses dealt with by Council during year :-

(1) Received : - applications 54
No of dwellings 60
(2) Approved : - Applications 53
No. of dwellings 59

Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupiers :- 40

Average cost per dwelling approved £933
Amount of Grant payable by the Council £18284

Standard.

(1) Number of applications (a) received 62
(b) approved 54

(2) Number of houses where standard amenities have been provied :- 53

Note. This is a marked increase over the previous year's figures.

## FOOD

### Milk.

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Registered Distributors | 16 |
| Number of registered Dairy Premises(other than Dairy farms.) | 6 |

### Biological Sampling.

Two bulk samples were taken for brucellus abortus at one farm and found to be negative.

### Ice Cream.

Number of Premises registered for :-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | Manufacture and retail | 2 |
| (b) | Manufacture only | nil |
| (c) | Retail only | 92 |

### Sampling.

Seven samples were taken; 6 proved to be Grade I, and one Grade II.

## FOOD HYGIENE.

No specific action was required under the Food Hygiene(General) Regulations, 1960, but general supervision was maintained.

## The Slaughter of Animals(prevention of Cruelty)Regulations, 1958.

Action taken during the year :-

Only two slaughterhouses were operating, out of a total of 5, at the end of the year. A large new slaughterhouse, to replace one of the two operating, is in course of erection. The other one was improved and equipped with a stunning pen. The other three have either gone out of use or are not capable of improvement.

## The Slaughterhouse(Hygiene)Regulations, 1958.

Action taken during the year :-

General supervision.

## SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND BACON FACTORIES.

| | | Licensed. | Operating. |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Slaughterhouses owned or leased by Council | nil | nil |
| (b) | Private slaughterhouses | 2 | 2 |
| (c) | Bacon Factories | nil | nil |

KNACKERS YARDS. Nil.

## MEAT INSPECTION.

All slaughtered meat is inspected, The following are the figures for carcasses and offal inspected, and condemned, during the year :-

| | Cattle. excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep & Lambs. | Pigs |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number killed | not known but only a very few killed were not inspected. | | | | |
| Number inspected. | 1,072 | 261 | 462 | 3,273 | 3,573 |

## MEAT INSPECTION.

Meat inspected :-

| All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercus | Cattle less cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep & Lambs. | Pigs. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole Carcasses condemned | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 126 | 50 | - | 72 | 132 |
| Percentage of total inspected | 11.93 | 19.9 | 0.43 | 2.26 | 3.80 |
| **Tuberculosis.** | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Percentage of total inspected | - | - | - | - | 0.22 |

Cysticercus No evidence found

## WEIGHT OF MEAT CONDEMNED FOR :-

| in lbs. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (a) Tuberculosis | - | - | - | - | 65 |
| (b) Cysticercus | - | - | - | - | - |
| (c) Other | 3002 | 2043 | 94 | 298 | 1320 |
| Total (in lbs.) | 3002 | 2043 | 94 | 298 | 1385 |
| Figures for 1958 | 2134 | 2152 | 293 | 245 | 655 |
| 1959 | 2009 | 3114 | 146 | 190 | 487 |

## PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS PREPARED.

Number registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955; (Ice Cream, Manufactured Meat Products etc.) 96

## CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956.

No action has been necessary.

## CONCLUSION.

The general health of the District remains good and it is good to find that the protective inoculation figures show further improvement.

The Census figures in the Preliminary Report confirm the impression that radical changes are taking place in the social structure of the District. The relevant figures have been extracted in an appendix in this Report. Generally speaking houses are now either let by the Council or owned by the occupiers. Among the latter is a large number of young married couples, celebrating their relief by commencing a family. One feels that there is a marked swing over in age groups, shown by increased births and lowered deaths. The full figures must be awaited to confirm this. However, it would seem probable that the Education authorities will be presented with a new 'bulge' within 5 years.

This Report is written after my retirement at the end of the year. Most of the data is provided by your Officers to whom I am indebted. In conclusion I take this opportunity of repeating how much I have appreciated the forebearance and assistance I have enjoyed from you, Sir, and all the Council and every member of Staff.

Yours faithfully,

Medical Officer of Health (1960)

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960 FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF LONG ASHTON IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Inspections (3) | Written notices (4) | Occupiers prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 6 | 3 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 72 | 41 | 2 | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 17 | 10 | - | - |
| Total | 95 | 54 | 2 | - |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |

| Particulars (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Found (2) | Remedied (3) | To H.M. Inspector (4) | By H.M. Inspector (5) | |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6). | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | - |

## PART VIII OF THE ACT.

### OUTWORK
### (Sections 110 & 111).

As far as is know there were no outworks in the District during the year.

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# A P P E N D I X

## CENSUS 1 9 6 1 - PRELIMINARY REPORT.

Derived from summaries made by the enumerators and subject to confirmation. Past experience has shown that the final figures are unlikely to differ materially from the provisional figures.

### Population and Acreage.

Acreage. 45,440 acres.

| Persons. | 1961 | | 1951 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Male. | Female | Male | Female |
| | 14,110 | 15,194 | 10,843 | 12,141 |
| Totals | 29,304 | | 22,984 | |

Increase 6,320 27.5%

Whole Country Increase :- 0.51%
Bristol decrease :- 1.5 %

### Private Households.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1961 | 8,964 | |
| 1951 | 6,304 | |
| Increase. | 2,460 | 37.8% |

### Private Dwellings.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1961 | 9,229 | |
| 1951 | 6,342 | |
| Increase | 2,887 | 45.5% |

Note: In 1951 there were more households than dwellings, now there are 265 more dwellings.

### PROGRESS.

| Year | Population. | Births. | Deaths. | Houses Total. | Houses Built by Council. | Houses Built by P.E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1951 | 22,800 | 309 | 303 | 6,744 | 62 | 20 |
| 1952 | 22,940 | 340 | 248 | 6,881 | 88 | 32 |
| 1953 | 23,010 | 302 | 222 | 7,105 | 169 | 68 |
| 1954 | 23,280 | 328 | 235 | 7,315 | 104 | 117 |
| 1955 | 23,570 | 333 | 270 | 7,463 | 43 | 116 |
| 1956 | 23,780 | 366 | 283 | 7,364 | 77 | 114 |
| 1957 | 24,130 | 356 | 311 | 7,708 | 154 | 204 |
| 1958 | 24,540 | 377 | 314 | 7,978 | 81 | 223 |
| 1959 | 25,330 | 382 | 301 | 8,484 | 102 | 448 |
| 1960 | 26,390 | 476 | 281 | 9,165 | 172 | 506 |
| Census 23.4.61 | 29,304 | | | 9,229 | | |

Note: The tabled figures of Population are thus estimated by the Registrar General for 'mid-year'.

The 1951 Census Figures was 22,984, but were not published until 1955.